GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of National Agricultural Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the States where this Scheme has been undertaken during the last two years;

(d) the amount provided by the Government under this Scheme for the said period, State-wise;

(e) the crops covered under this scheme at present in various States; and

(f) the proposed expansion of the scheme for the current and next three years and the amount provided for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) & (d) : The National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) has been introduced from Rabi 1999-2000. States/UTs implemented the NAIS during Rabi 1999-2000 are −Assam, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Pondicherry.

No State-wise allocation of funds is made. Government of India released anamount of Rs.46.68 crore for implementation of NAIS during 1999-2000.

(e) & (f): At present all the food crops (cereals, millets and pulses), oilseeds and three annual horticultural/commercial crops i.e. sugarcane, potato, cotton are covered under the scheme. All other annual horticultural and commercial crops will be placed under insurance cover within the next three years subject to the condition of availability of past yield data.

In view of the voluntary nature of National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS), nine States/UTs have implemented it during Rabi 1999-2000. Six more States/UTs are likely to join from Kharif 2000 season. As the scope of coverage of the new Scheme in terms of farmers, crops and risk has been sufficiently enlarged recently there is no proposal at present to expand the coverage in the near future.